

The Office of the Governor **Proclamation**

Executive Department State of Idaho State Capitol Boise

WHEREAS, in its quest to end the devastating effects of Multiple Sclerosis (MS) for over 60 years; the National Multiple Sclerosis Society is the one thing people with MS can count on; and

WHEREAS, as the most common disabling neurological disease of young adults in the United States and particularly in the Rocky Mountains, Multiple Sclerosis affects 450,000 people nationwide; and

WHEREAS, in Idaho alone over 2,000 people suffer the effects of MS; and

WHEREAS, the National Multiple Sclerosis Society will have provided over \$500 million for research and fellowship grants during the past six decades, as well as a wide range of client services in the areas of health, knowledge, and independence through its fifty-state network of chapters and its home office; and

WHEREAS, while research advances have brought us closer to finding the cure, prevention, and cause for Multiple Sclerosis, much remains to be done and services must continue to be provided to those who live with the disease;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DIRK KEMPTHORNE, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim the week of March 13 through 17, 2006, to be

MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS AWARENESS WEEK

in Idaho.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this twenty-second day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand and six and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred thirtieth and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred sixteenth.

DIRK KEMPTHORNE GOVERNOR

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